GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DREDGING PROJECTS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated size of the dredging market with the participation of foreign and Indian companies in India;

(b) the details of the projects currently finalised by the Union Government in shipping sector;

(c) whether the Government has taken any decision to include Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the dredging project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): The Working Group Report on Ports for the Eleventh Five Year Plan, has projected total capital dredging requirement of 665.46 million cubic metres and maintenance dredging requirement of 413.95 million cubic metres for India including all Ports, Sethusamudram Shipping Corporation, Indian Navy and Fishing Harbours. Both Indian and foreign dredging companies can participate in the tenders floated by Project Authorities for respective dredging works.

(b): Maintenance dredging is undertaken regularly by the Ports depending on their requirements. Government have recently approved following Capital Dredging projects:

Project Name	Estimated Cost (in crores of Rupees)
Sethusamudran Ship Channel Project	2427.40
Deepening and widening of main harbour Channel and Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Channel Project	800.00
Deepening of Channel project for Paradip Port	154.84
Second Stage Deepening of Inner Harbour Entrance Channel and Turning Circle for Vishakhapatnam Port	45.08
Capital Dredging at Ennore Port Limited for the new Marine Liquid, Iron-ore and Coal terminals being developed on BOT basis.	91.00

(c) & (d): Andaman & Nicobar Islands require only about 1,00,000 Cubic metres of dredging per annum, mostly for maintenance.